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# **An investigation into the attitudes of academic librarians towards Internet plagiarism of HE students**

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Plagiarism busters  
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Cyber cheating  
Cut and paste age  
Major and vital role  
Cyberpagiarism  
Cut and paste generation  
Cut and past plagiarism

# Key features of a Delphi study

- **Expert Participants**
- **Preparation and distribution of first round questionnaire**
- **Analysis of responses**
- **Second round questionnaire**
- **Reflection on comments from peers**
- **Consensus or not**
- **Another round?**

# Challenges of a Delphi survey



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- Definition of plagiarism
- Role of the Internet in student plagiarism
- Where the responsibility lies in combating student plagiarism
- Role of librarian in HE institutions
- Skills of the librarian to confront Internet plagiarism
- Partnership working
- Technology



# The role of the Internet



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# Role and skills of the librarian



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# Role of technology



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# Summary

- Plagiarism is multifaceted/complex
- Internet makes it easier to plagiarise
- Role of the librarian is natural extension of what they do already
- Partnership working with academics
- Grey area – Education or detection
- Instilling trust
- The importance of a blended approach

Any questions?